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(2) THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES SEEM CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVE CROWD CONTROL. HOWEVER, CROWD CONTROL TECHNIQUES FREQUENTLY INCLUDE THE USE OF ATTACKS BY CLUB SWINGING POLICE WHO ARE SUPPORTED BY JEEP-MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS. THESE TACTICS CAN PRESENT A DANGER TO THE GROUP BEING PROTECTED. TEAR GAS IS NOT COMMONLY USED. TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS MAY NECESSITATE THAT THE EMBASSY PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR THE POLICE. IN AN UNEXPECTED CONFRONTATION, THE EMBASSY GATE DEFENSE WOULD INITIALLY AND POSSIBLY FINALLY DEPEND ON THE EMBASSY SECURITY TEAM.

(3) PACKAGES ARE NOT DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO MISSION EMPLOYEES. ALL MAIL IS SCREENED WITH A METAL DETECTOR PRIOR TO DELIVERY. NEITHER THE AMBASSADOR NOT THE DCM RESIDENCE ARE EQUIPPED WITH ALARMS. BOTH RESIDENCES HAVE DESIGNATED SAFEHAVENS. LIGHTING AROUND THE TWO RESIDENCES IS ADEQUATE AS ARE THE BARRIERS. SOME AREAS ON THE COMPOUND SUFFER FROM INADEQUATE LIGHTING. THE RSO AND GSO ARE COLLABORATING ON A PROPOSAL TO FBO FOR A MAJOR RENOVATION IN THIS AREA.

(4) ON-COMPOUND SECURITY FOR DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS IS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE; BODYGUARD; RSO; MARINE GUARDS OR A COMBINATION OF ALL. OFF-COMPOUND PROTECTION FOR FUNCTIONS IS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL BODYGUARD SUPPLEMENTED BY POLICE.
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(5) AVAILABILITY OF EOD TRAINED PERSONNEL IS QUESTIONABLE. AT THE PRESENT TIME DAO HAS NO SPECIAL SECURITY PROTECTION, BUT HAS REQUESTED FUNDING FOR ARMORING VEHICLES AND RADIO EQUIPMENT. THE AID DIRECTOR AS WELL AS CHIEF MAAG, AND ONE OTHER AGENCY HEAD HAVE AGREED TO ARMORING THEIR VEHICLES. THE MATERIAL HAS BEEN ORDERED AND THE PROJECT HOPEFULLY WILL BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1977. THE USIS CHIEF HAS A PARTIALLY ARMORED CAR WITH RADIO.

(A) CONSUL GENERAL.

(1) THE CONGEN (CG) RESIDENCE IS LOCATED ON THE COMPOUND AND HAS 24 HOUR DIRECT HIRE GUARDS SUPPLEMENTED BY 4 ETHIOPIAN ARMY SOLDIERS INSIDE THE COMPOUND AS WELL AS A 6-MAN MSG DETACHMENT WHICH RESIDES ON THE COMPOUND. THE CG HAS NO BODYGUARD. HE UTILIZES A PARTIALLY ARMORED SEDAN WITH RADIO.

(2) ETHIOPIAN ARMY.

(3) NINE GUARDS, 3 SHIFTS, 40-50 HOURS PER WEEK.

(4) N/A

(5) GUARD ORDERS, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE WRITTEN AND APPROVED BY THE PSO IN COORDINATION WITH THE CG. THEY ARE REVIEWED BY THE RSO.

(6) OTHER PROTECTION FORCES ARE NOT ASSIGNED AND REACTION (TIME) IS UNKNOWN AND QUESTIONABLE.

(7) YES.

(8) PARTIALLY ARMORED SEDAN. ROUTES ARE UNSECURED AND TRAFFIC UNCONTROLLED. CG UTILIZED VEHICLE FOR ALL MOVEMENTS.

(C) SECURITY CONTROLS.

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(E) CG HAS RADIOS IN HIS RESIDENCE AND VEHICLE. THERE ARE INTERCOMS FROM THE MARINE DESK TO BOTH GATES. CCTV'S SUPPLEMENT THE INTERCOMS.

(2) LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN EFFECT CROWD CONTROL.

(3) THE RESIDENCE HAS A DESIGNATED SAFEHAVEN BUT NO ALARMS. PERIMETER LIGHTING AND CARRIERS ARE ADEQUATE BUT NOT OPTIMAL.

(4) ON-SITE SECURITY IS PROVIDED BY GUARD FORCE AS DESCRIBED AND MSG'S.

(5) EOD AVAILABILITY IS QUESTIONABLE.

MOGADISCIO

NO SPECIAL PROTECTIVE PROTECTIVE PROGRAMS ARE IN EFFECT IN MOGADISCIO. THE AMBASSADOR HAS A RADIO EQUIPPED, PARTIALLY ARMORED VEHICLE. MAIL IS SCREENED BY THE PSO. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE FORMER COM PARTIALLY ARMORED VEHICLE, WHICH IS IN EXCELLENT CONDITION BUT WAS REPLACED AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE BE KEPT AND ASSIGNED TO THE DC. THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM HAVE SAFEHAVENS, UNARMED GUARDS, AND RADIOS IN THEIR RESIDENCES.

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